



Health Professional Shortage Area & Medically Underserved Area/ Medically Underserved Population

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MUA/MUP

What is a MUA/MUP?

- MUA/MUPs are designated by U.S. Bureau of Health Professions , Shortage Designation Branch (SDB). A geographic area or a sub-population with an Index of Medical Underservice (IMU) score of 62.0 or less.

What are the benefits of a MUA/MUP designation?

- U.S. Public Health Service Act, Section 330–Community Health Center Grant
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Look-Alike
- New Start/Expansion Program
- Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Certification

What is the major difference between HPSAs and MUAs/MUPs?

HPSA designations are valid for 4 years.
MUA/MUP designations are generally permanent.

What is OSHPD’s role in the HPSA & MUA/MUP designation process?

Shortage Designation Program makes recommendations to SDB for approval of clinics and other healthcare providers for HPSA designation; identifies communities with a shortage of health professionals; and provides direct assistance to the applicant.

HPSA

What is a HPSA?

- HPSAs are service areas designated by the SDB that have health professional shortages.
- HPSA designations can be made for geographic areas, subpopulations or facilities.
- Primary medical, dental, and mental healthcare are eligible disciplines.

What are the benefits of a HPSA designation?

- Assignment of National Health Service Corps Personnel
- Educational Loan Repayment for Providers
- Rural Health Clinic Certification
- 10% Medicare Incentive Payment for Physician Services

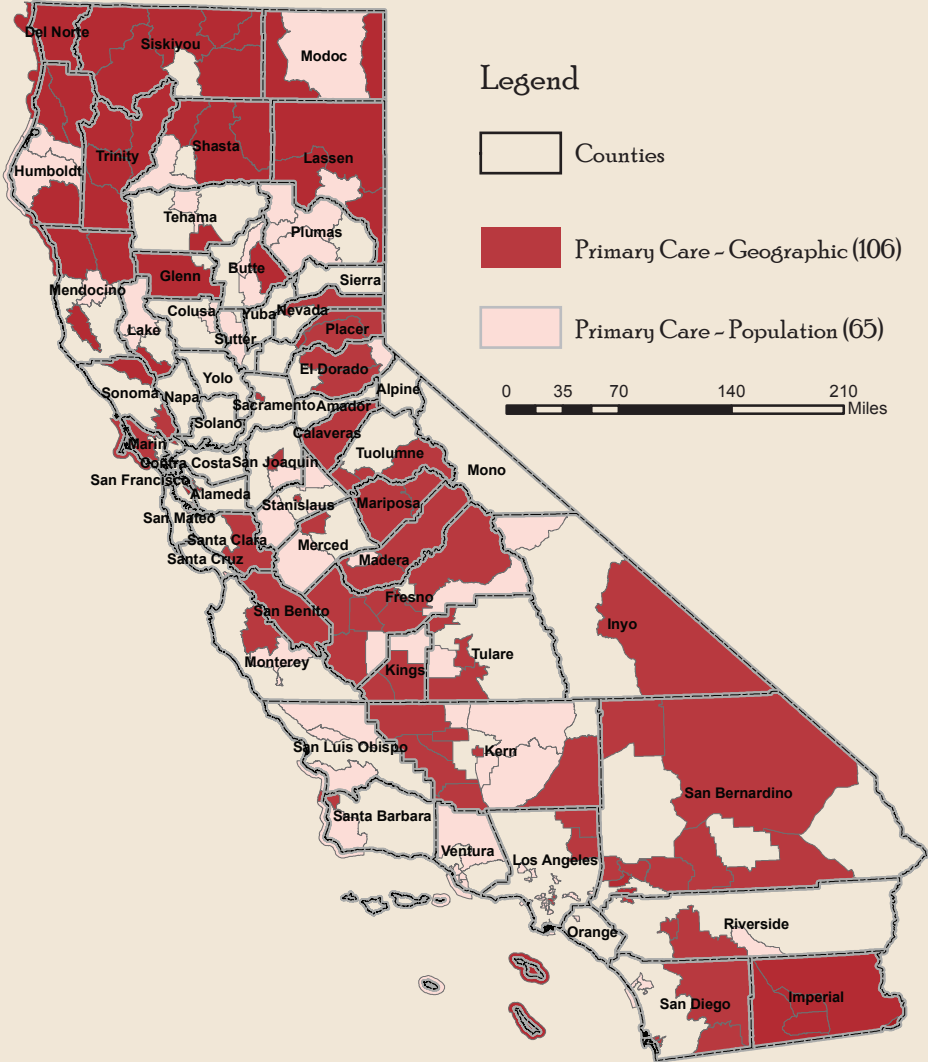
How do I apply for designation?

Written request should be submitted to Shortage Designation Program. See back page for address.

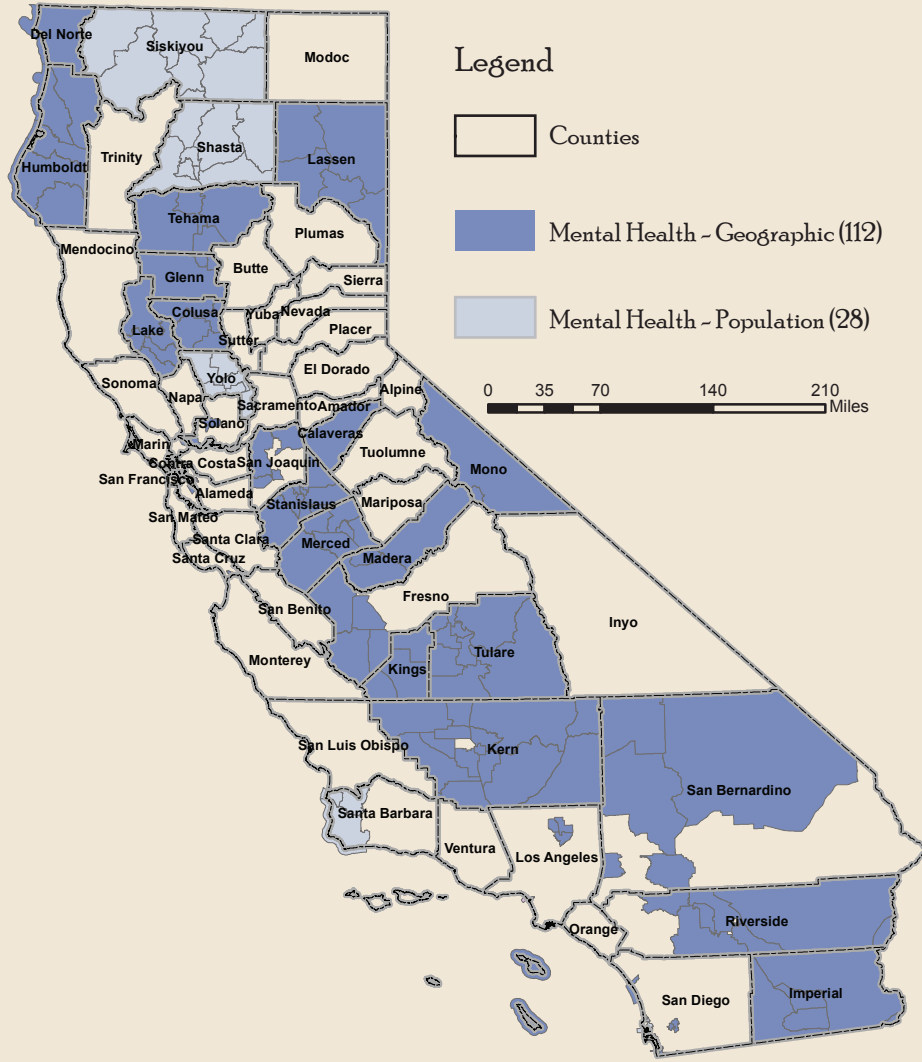
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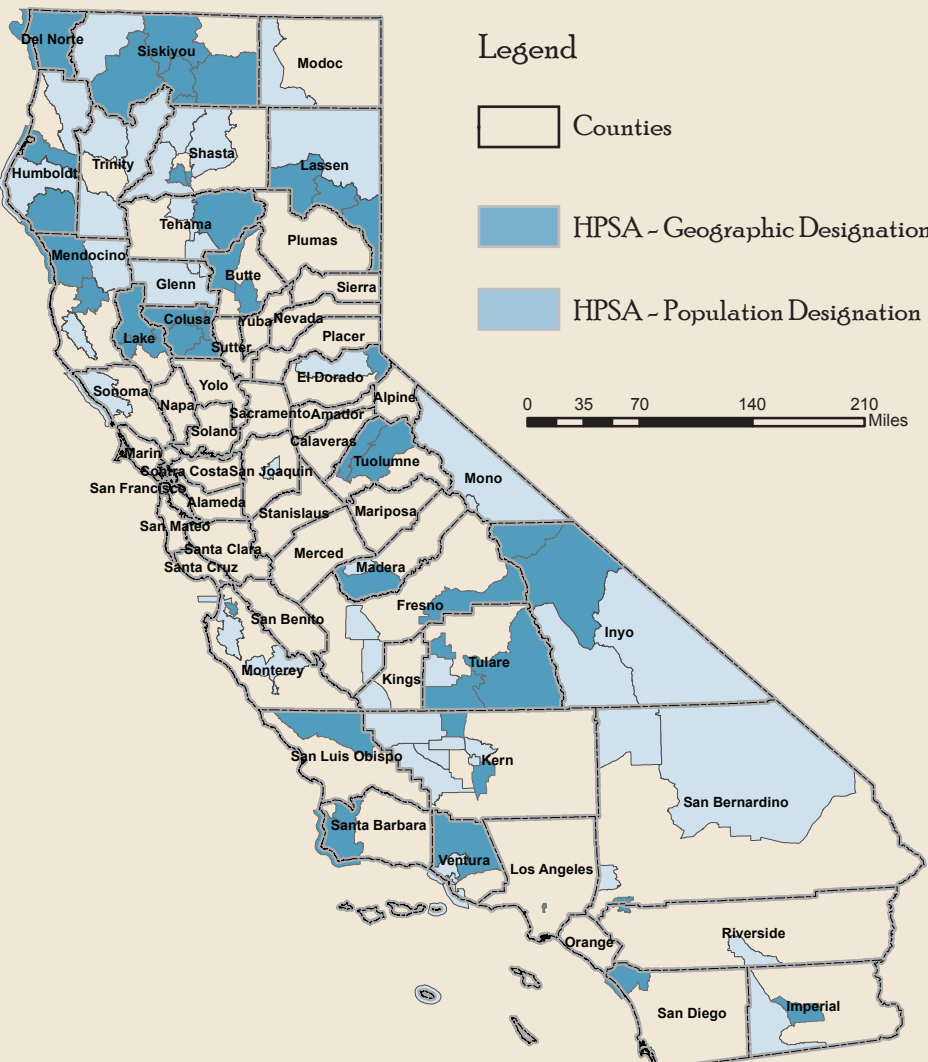
Health Professional Shortage Areas
Primary Care



Health Professional Shortage Areas
Mental Health



Health Professional Shortage Areas
Dental



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